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Fire Fatality in Two-Alarm Reston Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a two-alarm garden apartment fire in the Reston area of Fairfax County at approximately 6:50 p.m., Sunday, November 14, 2004. The three-story garden apartment is located at 1432 Northgate Square, apartment 1A. An adult male died in the fire.

First arriving units reported heavy fire and smoke from the first floor apartment and stairwell area. A second fire alarm was struck several minutes later. Firefighters rescued several residents by ladder in the first minutes upon their arrival. A number of occupants also jumped from several of the garden apartment units. The fire was extinguished in approximately 50 minutes. Four residents were taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital for smoke inhalation and other minor injuries. The Red Cross is assisting the displaced occupants. Eight apartment units were affected by the fire.

Damage is estimated at \$220,000.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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